

# Danbury

## Connecticut

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*Belongs to*  
Fairfield County  
Danbury Labor Market Area  
Housatonic Valley Economic Dev. Region  
Housatonic Valley Planning Area

Incorporated in 1702

### Demographics

				<i>Race/Ethnicity (1998)</i>			
<i>Population (1998)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1980	60,495	807,143	3,107,580	White	49,838	636,147	2,648,212
1990	65,585	827,645	3,287,116	Black	4,383	82,879	274,213
1998	65,336	836,207	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	3,795	25,592	73,304
2003	65,517	843,924	3,272,149	Native American	107	939	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	0.28%	0.92%	0.03%	Other	297	1,610	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	6,916	89,040	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	42.12	625.85	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	5.76%	6.09%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	1,551.19	1,336.11	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$27,373	\$37,252	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	24,059	308,221	1,229,087	High School Graduate	12,224	28.1%	648,366
Median Age (1997)	36.2	38.1	37.2	Some College	9,456	21.7%	495,696
				Bachelors or More	11,782	27.1%	597,693
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>							
	<i>0-4</i>	<i>5-17</i>	<i>18-24</i>	<i>25-49</i>	<i>50-64</i>	<i>65+</i>	<i>Total</i>
Male	2,220 7%	5,424 17%	2,846 9%	14,206 44%	4,501 14%	2,962 9%	32,159
Female	2,163 7%	5,252 16%	2,748 8%	13,463 41%	4,681 14%	4,870 15%	33,177
County Total	54,813 7%	139,006 17%	64,748 8%	322,604 39%	137,401 16%	117,635 14%	836,207
State Total	216,119 7%	550,400 17%	280,101 9%	1,257,928 38%	499,093 15%	467,598 14%	3,271,239

### Economics

<i>Business Profile (1997)</i>					<i>Top Five Grand List (1997)</i>		
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Emp.</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Agriculture	71	1.7%	248	0.5%	Danbury Buildings, Inc.	\$234,779,980	5.28%
Const. and Mining	596	14.3%	2,391	4.9%	Danbury Mall Associates	\$71,338,050	1.61%
Manufacturing	252	6.1%	12,620	25.7%	Melvyn, Mary & Seymour Powers	\$59,022,850	1.33%
Trans. And Utilities	138	3.3%	2,056	4.2%	Boehringer Ingelheim	\$48,165,580	1.08%
Trade	1,059	25.4%	10,351	21.1%	Hughes Danbury Optical Sys., Inc.	\$28,351,210	0.64%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	296	7.1%	2,172	4.4%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$4,444,257,600	
Services	1,719	41.3%	18,180	37.0%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	34	0.8%	1,072	2.2%	Danbury Hospital	Union Carbide	
Total	4,165	100.0%	49,090	100.0%	Cendant Mobility	Grolier	
					G.E. Capitol		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$3,296,677,997	\$30,837,967,729

### Education

<i>1995-1996 School Year</i>				<i>Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal</i>					
	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Grade 4</i>		<i>Grade 6</i>		<i>Grade 8</i>	
Total Students	8,739	461,203		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,170	\$8,300		Reading	42 55	54 60	54 64		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$52,488	\$48,598		Math	23 59	57 52	43 51		
Students Attending Public School	82.7%	89.2%		Writing	36 46	36 46	51 51		
Student/Teacher Ratio	14.7	14.5							
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	77.9%	75.8%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
High School Dropout Rate	5.0%	4.6%		Verbal		475	503		
<i>Average Class Size</i>				Math		481	499		
Kindergarten 18.1	Grade 2 20.6								
Grade 5 22.3	Grade 7 24.5	High School 21.5							

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### Government

Government Form	Mayor- Council	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$7,406,644
		As % of Expenditures	6.0%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$125,856,431	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$5,269,819,931
Tax Revenue	\$85,259,486	Per Capita	\$78,059
Non-tax Revenue	\$12,759,492	As % of State Average	100.1%
Intergovernmental	\$27,837,453	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/87
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,327	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	Aa2
As % of State Average	93.2%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	19.13
		Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	16.13
		% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	29.3%
Total Expenditures (1996)	\$124,475,987		
Education	\$62,486,507		
Other	\$61,989,480		
Total Indebtness (1996)	\$54,913,141		
As % of Expenditures	44.1%		
Per Capita	\$813		
As % of State Average	78.1%		

### Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	26,719	335,017	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	52.8%	64.2%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	347	4,504	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	242	2,045	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	628	4,830	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.91%	0.61%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	153	3,211	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	0	449	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	33	1,901	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	1,166	17,795	56,333	\$400,001 or More	5	3,349	4,036
Average Price	\$158,322	\$314,650	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$143,500	\$221,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	14,478	208,121	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	29.0%	34.1%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	2,675	30,502	148,930

### Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)			
Labor Force	36,019	446,996	1,723,300	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents	Commuting to	
Employed	34,432	427,779	1,635,400	1. Danbury	18757	Danbury	18757
Unemployed	1,587	19,217	87,900	2. New York	3356	New York	3970
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.3%	5.1%	3. Bethel	3338	Brookfield	1529
Total Employment	43,000	411,650	1,581,700	4. New Milford	2626	Bethel	1479
Manufacturing	10,390	75,610	265,850	5. Brookfield	2359	Ridgefield	1205
'92-'97 Growth Rate	-0.6%	5.7%	4.3%	6. New Fairfield	2235	Norwalk	912
Daytime Population	50,979	472,065	1,740,247	7. Newtown	2070	Stamford	838
				8. Ridgefield	1450	New Milford	770
				9. Waterbury	1012	Wilton	593
				10. Redding	626	Southbury	525

### Quality of Life

Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities	
Banks (1997)	33	1,378	Total Volumes	89,078	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	21	756	Circulation Per Capita	4.6	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	21	1,651			1-800-286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate			Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	3.219	0.099	Hartford	48	Yankee Gas Company
Crime Rate (1996)			Boston	142	1-800-989-0900
Per 1,000 Residents	54.9	40	New York City	56	Water Provider
% Open Land (1990)	54.3%	68.8%	Providence	110	Bridgeport Hydraulic Company
					1-800-732-9678
Hospitals (1997)	1	16			Cable Provider
Total Beds	345	2,184			Comcast Cablevision of Danbury, Inc.
					203-792-0900